

REMARKS

SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Applicant's submit that the original specification did not have page numbers. Accordingly, submitted herewith is a substitute specification the only change from the original being the addition of page numbers. The amendments to the specification herein apply to the substitute specification

REQUEST FOR ELECTION

The Examiner has taken the position that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct Species and has requested an election of the same for further prosecution in this application. Applicants respectfully traverse the request for election but provisionally elect to prosecute the embodiment designated as Species H, shown in Fig. 10. Claims 15 and newly added claims 16-18 are readable thereon.

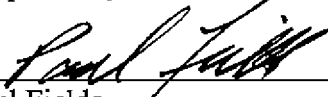
The invention is directed to a structure for adjusting the length of ornament chains. The Examiner has taken the position that there are different species herein, but all of the constructions basically include an outer casing having openings at each end which are slightly larger than the chain structure and a resilient member contained therein having a passage through which the chain extends which is slightly smaller than the chain structure so as to exert an inward force on the chain structure. The fact that applicants may use the term "another embodiment" or "the other embodiment" in describing the invention does not necessarily mean that these inventions are distinct simply because of terminology in the introduction of variations. The fact that the resilient member is different between the elements designated as 4 and 4' do not raise the two embodiments to different inventions such that they should be considered in separate applications. The function is the same in both cases. That is, the resilient member is still received within a casing and exerts an inward force on the chain. The different "embodiments" all operate in the same manner to prevent movement of the chain once its length has been set. For example, the "Species" shown in Figs. 4 and 5 are simply multiples of the Species shown in Fig. 2.

In any case, Figs. 11a and 11b are certainly to be considered in connection with the selected embodiment of Fig. 10 since, as described in the specification, these are essentially variations to accommodate either a spherical chain or a flat chain.

In light of the above comments, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the request for election and consider all of the claims presently pending in the application.

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